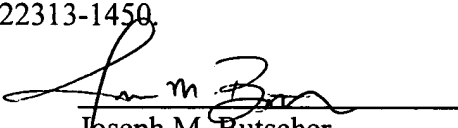


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the Applicants are not required to submit the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because these references were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Office in a prior application, namely, United States Serial No. 09/649,071,

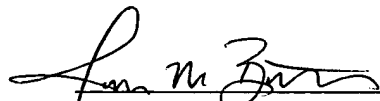
which was filed August 26, 2000. The present application is a divisional of United States Serial No. 09/649,071, and thus relies on that application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the listed references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants expressly retain the right to take any actions necessary to remove the listed references from the available prior art.

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